

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

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GRAND COLINNADE ROOM**

June 19, 2003

1:30 p.m.

A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled board meeting of the IN Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 1:30 p.m. with Chairperson Paul Covington presiding.

a. The following Board members were present:

M. Tracy Boatwright
Bernice Clark
Paul Covington
Patrick Donoghue
Charles (Don) Hall
Thomas Hanify
Jack Kerney
Tom Loraine
Jerry Nulliner

b. The following Board members were absent:

Patrick Ralston
Darrick Scott

c. Also Present:

Rick Scott - Wayne Twp. F.D.
Rick Perry - Merrillville Sta #2
Ed Scheele - Morris V.F.D.
E.C. Gerdowsky - Batesville V.F.D.
Scott Chasteen - Greensburg F.D.
Dave Elick - Johnson Twp. F.D.
Harry Logan - Marrs Twp. V.F.D.
Mort Sorg - I.V.F.A. District #7
Dennis Spears - Centerville Fire/Rescue
Raymond Wesley - Liberty Twp. V.F.D.
Stephen Macke - Batesville V.F.D.
Randy Merkel - Morris V.F.D.
Becky Sorg - Poe V.F.D.
L.E. Buz Koehler - I.V.F.A. president
Roger Hargett - Hartsville V.F.D.
Pam Kaufman - Lincoln Twp. V.F.D.
Frank Daunhauer - Carter Fire District
Tom Orrell - Beverly Shores F.D.
Diana Orrell - Porter F.D.
Jim Bradford - Lake Station V.F.D.
Roland Wise - Crown Point F.D.

Roy Richardson - Sellersburg V.F.D.
Fred Page - Ellettsville F.D.
Bill Pape - Lapel F.D.
Larry Petro - Bryant V.F.D.
Walter Reiter - Decatur F.D.
Gene Konzen - Wayne Twp F.D.
Kenneth Lau - Huntingburg V.F.D.
Jerry Cohn - Springfield Twp. V.F.D.
Perry Martin - Sheffield Twp. V.F.D.
Don Fultz - Tippecanoe Twp. V.F.D.
Dennis Schavey - New Chicago V.F.D.
Larry Bartlow - I.V.F.A. secretary
Richard Dean - Posey Twp. V.F.C.
James Schneider - PSTI Training Officer
Randy Wood - PSTI Training Officer
Ivan Nevil - Fire Academy Administrator
Mara Snyder - Counsel
Marilyn Burgess - Program Coordinator

B. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken with a quorum of nine

C. Minutes of May 22, 2003 Board meeting; statistical report May, 2003

a. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the May 22, 2003 Board minutes and May, 2003 statistical reports as printed and distributed. Patrick Donoghue seconded the motion. Motion carried

D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals

a. *Christopher Pongratz*, a member of the Huntertown F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-19 Instructor I based upon having completed and receiving a certificate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He has been in the fire service since 1986 and certified under the old system as a second class firefighter.

Tom Loraine made a motion to deny the request, because Christopher has not served his year as a Firefighter II yet. The Board recommends that in April of 2004 he can again request a variance. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. *Terry Anderson*, a member of the Martinsville F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 Fire Officer III based upon having completed and receiving an Associates Degree in Public Safety from Ivy Tech College. The staff recommended approval as he does meet all the requirements for Fire Officer III.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve the variance. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Report by Patrick R. Ralston, Executive Director SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

No report at this time.

F. State Fire Marshal Report M. Tracy Boatwright

Marshall Boatwright reported that Director Ralston is in a meeting in New York this week.

Hoosier Burn Camp was a success again this year. There were 39 kids in attendance. 89 motorcyclist's were in attendance on Visitor's Day and they donated approximately \$20.00 apiece for each child at camp. On Visitors Day approximately \$10,000.00 was raised from donations to support the Burn Camp. Marshal Boatwright stated that Aaron Norwood, one of the campers who had been at camp every year was killed in a car wreck and his funeral was to be held June 19. He was seventeen years old and a dedicated camper who was turning his life around, thanks to support from the camp staff.

Marshal Boatwright briefly described the issue of Grissom A.F.B. donation of land to the state of Indiana.

The Fire Marshal's office has received 17 SENS-IR machines. The machines have been delivered and are in operation around the state. The machines can analyze most powders and tell if they are dangerous or not. This eliminates the need for a Haz Mat team to come in and determine if a dangerous substance is being exposed to the public.

There is nothing new to report on fireworks. The Fire Marshal's office is basically back to square one is dealing with fireworks. Due to 9/11 the A.T.F. is requiring a magazine and a permit for anyone who has a public display-type fireworks.

The Fire Marshal's office has hired two new Inspectors. Lonnie Lagel and Larry Cassaigne. Molly Reynolds, the secretary for Mike Bigler, will be leaving to take another position.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

Ivan reported that staff has been scheduling and putting on a lot of training, especially in the Haz Mat awareness and operations area.

Our office is getting ready for the I.F.S.A.C. site visit in January, 2004.

H. Administrative Proceedings

No report at this time

I. Old Business

a. *IFSAC - Paul Covington* - KY firefighter testing for IFSAC - Paul also announced that I.F.S.A.C. is scheduled for a reaccreditation site visit for Indiana in January, 2004. Paul read a letter from W. Wayne Mullannix, Administrator Kentucky Fire Commission/Fire Rescue Training, requesting that Indiana not test and certify Kentucky firefighters as I.F.S.A.C. Paul stated that he is willing to meet and discuss options with Kentucky regarding I.F.S.A.C., but he is of the opinion that we cannot legally keep any firefighter from testing for I.F.S.A.C. certification. According to I.F.S.A.C. rules, we have to honor I.F.S.A.C. reciprocity. Paul will stay in contact with Kentucky.

b. *FO I/II Committee - Jerry Nulliner and Tom Hanify* - Objective list for Strategy and Tactics. - Jerry stated that he is in the process of e-mailing objectives to Mara Snyder for review. He also offered a copy of the objectives to any firefighter who is interested in reviewing what has been accomplished on these requirements.

c. **Fire Academy Study/Grissom Complex** - A question and answer period was held discussing the goals of a future Fire Academy in Indiana. There is federal money available for a feasibility study on how much it would cost to operate and maintain the property that is being offered by Grissom Aeroplex to the state of Indiana free of charge for a fire academy.

J. New Business

a. **House Bill #1106** - A lengthy discussion was held on the changes in the 24 hour mandatory program for all firefighters which now includes the successful completion of an instruction course on vehicle emergency response driving safety and takes away set hours for the completion of the rest of the mandatory skills. Ivan discussed the pilot program for mandatory training that was used as a test program in 1999-2000. Basically the pilot program took away hours for each skill and gave more freedom to the fire departments to concentrate on spending more hours on skills that need more training and less on skills that the firefighter has already mastered.

It was recommended that a video be supplied to every fire department in Indiana for training in the new requirement for instruction on vehicle emergency response driving safety and that the fire chief be responsible for documentation.

b. **Rules** - *Mara Snyder* - A lengthy discussion took place regarding the rules revision. Tom Loraine made a motion that we do a proposed rule revision concentrating initially on House bill #1106, as well as the upgrade for NFPA standards that are appropriate to maintain our I.F.S.A.C. accreditation. Additional rules changes will follow in the future. Patrick Donoghue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.